













#### Week Ending: Friday 3rd February 2023



#### Dear Parents,

This week we hosted the first of our No Outsiders open lessons and it was wonderful to see so many Reception parents attend these and hear how much fun they had getting creative with their children on some fabulous paintings. Thank you to Mr Moffat for leading these alongside the teachers and to all of the parents who came along to support. We can't wait to welcome even more of you along to the Year 1 open lessons next week!

Well done to our team of handball players in Year 5 and 6 who took part in the first round of the Bisons Shield on Tuesday. Their teamwork and energy were incredible and even though the opposition was tough, their skilful tactics and competitiveness won them a place in the finals! Thank you to Mr Brooks and Mrs Robinson for supporting and coaching the team so well!

Safer Internet Day is taking place on Tuesday 7th February 2023 and Green Meadow, along with all of the other schools in Excelsior Multi Academy Trust, will be joining schools and other organisations globally to mark this on Tuesday and throughout the whole week.

Drumroll...and now for some very exciting news...Work is starting on our VR room in the Technology lab in the in the annexe on Monday and we can't wait. The designs look amazing...really out of this world! This means we are well on track to have this incredible resource finished ready for the children to use in just a few weeks' time. Thank you to Excelsior for all of your support in making this possible for us!

We will keep you regularly updated with our progress on twitter.

Have a nice weekend.

Miss Arrowsmith

#### **NO OUTSIDERS OPEN LESSONS**

Throughout the Spring Term, we are very excited to invite parents to No Outsiders open lessons so that you can work with your child as they learn about diversity, difference and British Values in school.

The lessons will be taught by Mr Moffat and your child's class teacher and will involve a story, lots of discussion with your child followed by an art activity. They will take place in the hall and last for about half an hour. The No Outsiders open lessons are always enjoyable and we love to have parents come along to take part.



Year 1 open lessons - Monday, 6th February Year 3 open lessons - Friday, 3rd March Year 4 open lessons - Friday, 10th March Year 2 open lesson - Monday 27th March Year 5 and Year 6 open lessons TBC.



Please look out for individual class invites over the coming weeks.

Thanks for your support.

# **Diary Dates**

## February 2023

#### <u>Monday 6th</u>

Year 1 - No Outsideres Open Lesson

#### **Afterschool Clubs:**

Multiskills & Games - Reception

Coding - Year 1

Touch Typing - Years 5 & 6

#### **Tuesday 7th**

Year 1 Outdoor Learning
Kit Needed

Basketball - Years 5 & 6

Coding & Digital Skills -Year 4

Football - Years 2 & 3

Book Club - Year 1

Years 2 & 4 PE Kit Needed

Wednesday 8th
Yr 1 Lions Class Assmbly
@ 9.00am

Year 1 PE Kit Needed

Year 4 Outdoor Learning
Kit Needed

#### <u>Thursday 9th</u> Afterschool Clubs:

Invasion Games - Years 1 & 2

Years 5 & Reception PE Kit Needed

Friday 10th
Yr 1 Tigers Class Assmbly
@ 9.00am

**Afterschool Clubs:** 

Handball - Years 3 & 4

Year 6 & 3 PE Kit Needed





On Tuesday, the children had their first hugely successful OPAL lunch time. Their excited faces were the true testament to the fun and enjoyment that was being had. It was a pleasure to watch them play together across key stages and playgrounds.

They played in the messy café, made dens, stacked crates, dressed up and had a whale of a time with small world toys. In the words of the children, "It was amazing!"

Here is what the children had to say...

It's fun, it's speedy!

I loved dressing up!

I like the playing with the dinosaurs!

Thank you for letting us play on the playgrounds with everyone!

This half term, OPAL lunch times will be every Tuesday and Wednesday with the plan to have OPAL lunch times every day by the Summer term. There will be a weekly OPAL assembly with the children to introduce new play items and areas, go through risk management and safety and celebrate what has gone well during OPAL lunch times.

As we open up more and more of the school site, children may come home a bit dirtier on a Tuesday and Wednesday, especially if they are playing in the messy café. Please make sure your child has a named pair of wellies in a named bag to change into to help support keeping them clean. Thank you for your support. Mrs Desogus (OPAL Co-ordinator) and Mrs D'Auncy (OPAL Play leader)



Thank you to all of the parents who have brought donations for our OPAL lunchtimes in. We really appreciate all of your support!

A huge thank you to Mr Sweet from RCS (Recip Compressor Services) for bringing a lorry load of pallets for us this week which have already been transformed into a messy cafe, houses and used by the children in their play.



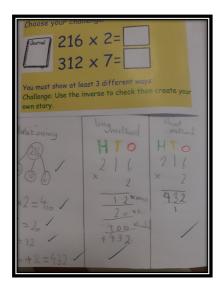








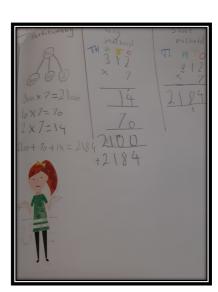
# Aspiring from the start Where ambition begins on Day one.



### **Maths**

An excellent example of a Year 4 maths journal. Learning to multiply a 3 digit number by a single digit using the column method.

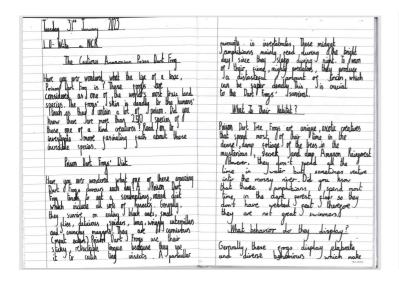
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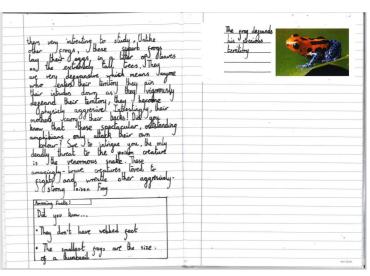


## **English**

Year 3 have been writing non chronological reports about poison dart frogs. This is linked to their topic on the Amazon Rainforest.

Look at the fantastic presentation in this report and all the features needed for an informative non chronological report (subheadings, rhetorical questions and facts).





## HARDSHIP GRANT COMMUNITY FUND

We are pleased to announce the opening of BVSC's Hardship Grant Community Fund, part of Birmingham City Council's wider Household Support Fund (HSF) activity for this Winter. BVSC will be distributing grants of up to £200 to Birmingham households currently facing hardship, intended for support with food and energy payments. Green Meadow is a registered trusted partner for this scheme and can apply on your behalf. Please contact the school office and ask to speak with Mrs Cross or Mrs Robinson.

#### When does it start?

Applications will commence from **Monday 6th January** and we will continue to accept applications until 31st March 2023, or all funding has been exhausted if sooner.

#### Who is eligible?

- You must be a Birmingham Resident
- You must be experiencing hardship, particularly with regards to covering costs linked to food and energy



ASK YOUR CHILD TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE STORIES BEHIND THIS PICTURES AND HOW THEY LINK TO BRITISH VALUES.





## WEEK COMMENCING 6TH FEBRUARY 2023



School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, 5 \( \) 6, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please note that for Reception, Year I and Year 2 <u>ALL</u> children are entitled to universal free school meals.